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JAMES THOM, of a Son.At Changtze, Honan, on May 27, to Rev.
and Mrs. J. A. SIMMONS, a Son, JAMES
MORRISON.At "Grassbank," Orley Road, Singapore,
on the 9th inst., the wife of A. M. SARKIS,
of a Daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On 30th May, 1903, at Hankow, by the
Rev. G. Piccoli, at the Roman Catholic
Church, MARIE LOUISE JUSTIN to JACOB
FISCHER.

DEATHS.

On the 1st inst., at 28 Ikuta-machi, 2,
chome, Kobe, AMY, the wife of F. J.
RICKERT.At Helsingborg, Sweden, on the 10th of
June, 1903, Mrs. MOLLER, of Shanghai,
aged 78 years.—"May he rest in peace."The publication of this issue commenced
at 6.45 p.m.**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1903.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.The residents of this
Colony would be very
grateful for any small
medium of information
on the reasons for the delay in sanction-
ing the Public Health and Buildings
Ordinance, No. 1 of 1903. Since the
telegram was received, about three
weeks ago, we presume the Sanitary
Authorities have been concentrating
their energies on the suppression or re-
gulation of our unfortunate Plague
visitation. Mr. Chamberlain is reported
to have given as his reason for with-
holding sanction from the Ordinance,
that it "requires careful consideration."So far so good. As we have already
stated in previous remarks, its provisions
had been severely criticised and
gently amended—almost re-cast—be-
fore it passed the Legislative Council
here. It would, therefore, be of great
interest to this community to know
whether the "consideration" of the
Secretary of State is likely to make for
further amendments on its already
drastic provisions, or to add to the
drastic nature of those clauses retained
in the present Ordinance. We think
some information might be vouch-
safed to the Council and the
public touching these matters, as
they affect property and the con-
venience of the public in a way
which Government officials are apt to
overlook. The little misunderstanding
at the meeting of "property-owners"
was satisfactorily explained away, but
promise was made and a resolution
was unanimously passed, to the effect
that the paper by the Acting Officer of
Health explaining a number of knotty
points should be printed and circulat-
ed. This wise resolution was arrived
at before the telegram delaying sanc-
tion had come to hand; but the report
has not yet been circulated. Has this
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Bay on the 16th inst. H.M.S. *Rinaldo* will
probably leave Hongkong on the 22nd inst.,
for Bangkok.**Japanese for South Africa.**The *Kobe Herald* of the 9th inst.
publishes the following:—An Agent of a
Japanese Syndicate is now in Johannesburg
negotiating for the introduction of a hun-
dred thousand Japanese labourers into the
Transvaal mines.**An Improvement.**We are pleased to note that the plot
of ground at the junction of Seymour and
Robinson Roads, to the disgraceful condi-
tion of which Mr. E. W. Mitchell called
attention in our columns a fortnight ago,
is now being cleared by the authorities.**Enfranchisement in Japan.**It is reported that the Japanese Gov-
ernment intends to reduce the financial
and administrative expenses by about one
million yen. The largest amount to be
deducted from a single department is yen
300,000, which saving is to be effected in
the War Department.**The Navy League.**Since the visit of Mr. H. P. Wyatt, the
special delegate of the Navy League, the
local branch has recruited a number of new
members. Every Britisher in this Colony
should become a member or associate; the
subscription is \$5 per annum for a mem-
ber, and \$2 per annum for an associate.**Relief Rice Lost.**The *Shanghai Daily News* reports that
one of the relief boats dispatched by a
charitable society to the famine district of
Kwangsi was wrecked on the upper beach
of Shao-ching. The entire cargo was badly
damaged, the greater portion of it being
worthless. The disaster is attributed to
the overloading of the boat.**What will Hongkong do?**In commenting on the action of the
Straits Government in adopting a gold
standard, the *Kobe Herald* says:—"It now
remains to be seen what action will be
taken by Hongkong, and what effect—
if any—the movement in these British
Colonies will have upon the governing
powers in China."**A Secret Map for Sale.**The *Asahi* of June 9 reports that a
private of the 14th Regiment stationed at
Kokura, Kiushu, offered to sell a secret
map of the Straits defence forts to a certain
German firm at Mojri. A Japanese employe
of the firm laid the matter before the
authorities and the soldier was arrested at
Mojri station. It is not stated how the
man came into possession of the map.**The Yunnan Trouble.**The *Sin Wan Po* gathers that the
French Minister gave the Chinese Govern-
ment a limited period of ten days to pacify
the insurgents in Yunnan, and if China was
unable to do it within that time, French
troops would cross the border from Annam
to quell the disturbance on behalf of China.
The ten days' period was from May 27th to
the 6th instant. The Waiwup has in-
formed the Diplomatic Corps that the Gov-
ernment troops had defeated the insurgents
in Yunnan and retaken Lingian. The
foreigners in and about Mengtze are fully
protected by Chinese soldiers.**The China Station.**A correspondent of the *Liverpool
Daily Post* says it is probable that the Ad-
miralty will shortly take steps to strength-
en the fleet on the China Station. The
military and naval authorities have been
urging this for some time on the authori-
ties at home, in view of the fact that the
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General Agents.**LOCAL AND GENERAL.****Notes by the Way.**The third official services for rain have
been held in Tientsin; and it rained dust,
hard.A Chinese representative will be sent
to the exhibition to be opened in Belgium
this Autumn.The Japanese who have been making
artesian wells in Peking are now arranging
to sell the water and commencing business.The N.Y.K. steamer *Ishi Maru* went
ashore of the coast of Yakigiri Island,
Teshio province, Hokkaido, on Sunday,
June 7.A Company has been formed in
Kwangsi to farm all the opium and Samahu
taxes. They will pay Tls. 3000 for Nan-
ning alone.The Empress Dowager is said to be
growing impatient of Prince Ching's ill-
ness and contemplates appointing another
prince to take his place.A certain foreigner has been arrested in
Peking for opening gambling houses with a
wheel of fortune, and the Chinese have been
granted leave to take possession of the
premises.The homeward voyage of H. M. S.
Pique was interrupted at Colombo by her
despatch to the relief of the *Natal* liner
Umana, stranded on one of the Maldivo
Islands.A Chinaman has been arrested at
Singapore on the charge of using as genuine
a forged document for \$5,000, knowing the
same to be forged, and for delivering it at
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.**The Servant Trouble.**An Indian Watchman in the employ
of Mr. Shaw, of the Cotton Mills, Wanchai,
was fined \$75 by Mr. F. A. Hazledine, at
the Magistrate's, this morning, for leaving
his employment without giving due notice.**A Fatal Fall.**While a Chinese painter was engaged
on a scaffolding line-washing the walls of a
native dwelling house at Den Vaux Road
West, he lost his balance and fell to the
yard below, a distance of 20 feet. His skull
was smashed, and death was instantaneous.**Fire.**At half-past eleven last night a fire
broke out on the first floor of No. 28 Eastern
Street. The flat is occupied as a Chinese
medicine and tea shop. The damage is
estimated at \$700, the property is covered
by insurance with a local French firm for
\$2,800.**Murder of Young Kwei Wan Hanged.**Lui Chiu, alias Li Kwei Faw, who was
sentenced to death at the last criminal
sessions by Sir Henry Baskley for causing
the death of Young Kwei Wan, a reformer,
in Gage Street on January 10, 1901, was
hanged at the Victoria Gaol, at 5 o'clock
this morning.**Opium in Cement Barrels.**On June 9 at Singapore while some
cargo on the *Reby* was being shifted a
barrel of cement fell and broke open, and
forty pounds of opium was found concealed
in the centre of the cement. The cement
was consigned to Palembang and the value
of the smuggled opium is estimated at over
\$1000.**The Navy League and the Far East.**The Navy League held its annual
meeting on May 13 at the M.P. United
Service Institution. Mr. Yerrburgh, M.P.,
presided, and among other speakers were
Mr. H. S. Trower, Mr. Arnold White, and
Dr. Ginsburg. The annual dinner of the
league was held in the evening at the
Hotel Cecil, Mr. Yerrburgh, M.P., pre-
siding, occupying the chair. There was
a large company present, including
Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Minister,
and Viscount Hayashi. The president,
in proposing the toast of "Our Ally,"
said that when, last year, the alliance with
Japan was announced here and there, a
discordant note might have been heard
from some fanatical devotee of "splen-
did isolation," but those notes were
drowned in the chorus of appreciation
with which the news of the alliance was
welcomed. It was not to be wondered
at that this was so, because of the strain
and the stress of the last few years in the
Far East, where this country had such a
great stake. We might well be proud of
our ally, and Britishers might depend upon
it that when the time came Japan would
be found to be staunch. (Hear, hear.)
Viscount Hayashi, who was received with
cheers on rising to respond, thanked the
company for the cordial manner in which
the toast had been proposed and accepted.
He took the opportunity to thank Sir
E. F. Fremantle for the complimentary terms
in which he had alluded to the Japanese
Navy. In whatever position the Japanese
Navy stood, they felt gratitude to England
for organising them. (Cheers.) The
Treaty of Alliance was but the evidence of
the mutual respect, cordial sympathy, and
true similarity of interests which un-
doubtedly prevailed between the two
countries. Since the conclusion of the
alliance the events occurring in the Far
East from time to time had tended to force
more definite bonds. Might the two
countries stand side by side always to
maintain the just and right interests of the
two countries.**LOCAL AND GENERAL.****The 'Samshui.'**It is now reported that the steamer
Samshui, which was stated to have been
wrecked in the recent typhoon at the Phi-
lippines, has arrived safely at Manila.**Calendar for To-morrow's Sessions.**Eighteen criminal cases are scheduled
for the sessions which commence at the
Supreme Court to-morrow. Most of those
charged are alleged to have been concerned
in crimes such as robbery, burglary, re-
ceiving stolen property, uttering forged re-
ceipts, disobeying order of banishment,
charges under the women and girls ordi-
nance, and other offences. R. P. Moffit will
be tried on three charges of larceny as a
servant.**The Bombardment of Zenaga.**Under 'Latest News,' the *Echo de
China* of June 12 confirms the report that
600 shells were directed at the *Kuon* at
Figuig, principally on Zenaga. Subse-
quently the troops withdrew to Beni Ounif,
it is said that 300 Zeugites were killed and
a large number wounded. Zenaga is an-
nihilated. Remissaries came from Figuig
to Beni Ounif offering to submit. General
O'Connor refused to receive them; he will
consent to treat with none but Djennao.**An Army Scheme Rumour.**A new scheme of Army reform, accord-
ing to the *Outlook*, is at present being
elaborated, and will be introduced before
long under the auspices of a very eminent
statesman. Under this scheme, says the
same authority, a permanent force of 30,000
men is to be maintained in South Africa at
the instance of Mr. Chamberlain. This
force is not necessarily to be regarded as a
garrison, but in view of the strategic posi-
tion of the country. The terms of enlist-
ment are to be for 15 years, with the option
of joining the reserve after three, six, nine,
or 12 years' service.**Attempted Murder by a Prison Warder.**At about midnight on Sunday, May 31,
a prison warder named Himeyama Hioaro,
belonging to Kobe Prison, enticed a girl
named Shigamatsu, aged 20, to the back of
the Minatogawa, where he attempted to
murder her, stabbing her several times with
his sabre. Her screams brought many peo-
ple to the scene, and the would-be mur-
derer decamped, soon, however, to be cap-
tured and placed under arrest. It appears
that the girl was the prison warder's para-
mour, and jealousy prompted him to kill
her. The victim was taken to the Kobe
Hospital, where she remains in a precarious
condition.**The Loss of the 'Paul Doumer.'**In connection with the loss of the
French Steamer *Paul Doumer*, a court,
mostly composed of officers of the French
Navy, and under the presidency of Mr.
Roux, Consul for France, recently held an
inquiry. The report of Capt. Heleux, and
depositions of the principal members of the
crew were examined. After the examina-
tion it was decided that the Captain was not
to blame for the mishap and that no fault
could be laid to his charge either in the way
he managed his steamer or in the way he
behaved when the boat struck, as he had
strictly followed the rules of navigation.
At this point it was accordingly agreed that
Capt. Heleux should not lose his captain's
certificate. The decision has to be approved
by the Minister of Marine in France, which
will probably be done in due time.**Russia's 'Secret' Agreements.**According to native sources, says the
Peking and Tientsin Times, the day after
M. Lasser reached Peking he sent an
official dispatch to the *Wei-Fu-Fu* saying:
"The articles of our private agreement have
become known to all the nations of the
world, and certain Powers wish to inter-
fere. This has not only resulted in no
benefit to you, but is also very disadvan-
teous to our Government, and these seven
articles must therefore be cancelled in order
to avoid complications. As to the other
articles of the agreement you must keep
them positively secret and not let anyone
know about them." The Chinese boldly
affirm that they have not conceded any-
thing to Russia, and the Russians officially
affirm that there are not other clauses to
the demands which in themselves were all
a mistake. The *Times* Correspondent in
Peking, on the other hand, affirms China
has 'secretly' agreed to all, and that
Russia's reported attitude on the Yalu and
elsewhere is perfectly correct. Whatever
China may or may not concede to Russia
through fear, she falls short of keeping the
'secrets' committed to her charge, that is
evident.**Sore Muscles**THE correct treatment of sore muscles
is very simple. First take a good
warm bath before going to bed, and be
sure to rub yourself dry. This opens the
pores. Then rub Chamberlain's Pain
Balm into the pores, keeping up a brisk
rubbing for several minutes. If you have
time when you get up in the morning, rub
in some more of the Pain Balm.
This cures sore muscles caused by hard
work or severe exercise of any kind.
Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the favorite
rub-down of all prominent athletes. It
keeps the muscles in fine shape. One
application gives relief. For sale by all
chemists and medicine vendors; WATKINS
Ltd., General Agents.**LOCAL AND GENERAL.****A Cruiser for Nagasaki Customs.**The *Nagasaki Press* mentions a report
that the Customs Authorities at Nagasaki
have requested the Central Government
to construct a cruiser of about 100 tons net
for their own use in patrolling the coast of
Kishu and Coroa. This stop the local
Customs officials have taken in view of the
smuggling cases which have so often been
brought to light in Western Japan.**Fast Motoring.**A Glasgow telegram reports that Capt.
Deasy, who left the Automobile Club,
Piccadilly, London, at midnight on Satur-
day, May 9, arrived at the Central Station
Hotel, Glasgow, at 9.30 p.m. on Sunday,
the motorist having accomplished a distance
of 437 miles in 21 hours 20 minutes. He
drove his motor all the time, and at
various stages of the journey experienced
the worst of weather, rain falling, and a
north-east gale blowing. The performance
is the longest non-stop motor run yet made
in the kingdom.**Band at Kowloon Hotel.**By kind permission of Major Radcliff
and Officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma
Infantry will play the following programme
at the above Hotel, during dinner, to-
morrow evening (weather permitting):—
March....."Constellation".....Clarke
Overture....."Tancrède".....Rossini
Selection....."Les Cloches de Cor-
neville".....Planquette
Song....."The Flight of Ages".....Beran
Selection....."A Chinese"
Honeycomb "Talbot & Dance"
Valse....."Valse Rose".....Maurice
Serenade....."Love in Idleness".....Methell
GOOD NITE THE KING.**Trouble with a Ricksha-Coolie.**At the instance of Mr. J. J. Bullen,
chief clerk of the Registrar General's
department, a ricksha-coolie was charged
before Mr. J. H. Kemp, at the Magistrate's
this morning, with refusing to accept hire.
From evidence heard, it appears that Mr.
Bullen was leaving the Sailor's Home at
Armed Street with his wife at about 9.30
o'clock last night, and his wife got into
the ricksha which was standing in front of the
entrance. The coolie refused to proceed,
stating at the same time that

